

unique challenge. Budgetary pressures in the Federal Government have resulted in demands for faster and cheaper purchases of goods and services. Federal procurement personnel have retired and not been replaced, government streamlining has hurt competition by eliminating or severely reducing the array of small business suppliers in the Federal procurement arena, and contract bundling has made it increasingly more difficult for small businesses to compete for government contracts.

That is why, as our Nation looks for new technologies to promote homeland defense and fight terrorism, small businesses should play an active role.

I would like to commend the Pentagon's Technical Support Working Group, which is responsible for seeking new technologies to assist the military, for sending an urgent plea seeking ideas on how to fight terrorism. America's small businesses responded, and in just two months, over 12,500 ideas were submitted to the Technical Support Working Group, most of them from small businesses.

This not only demonstrates the commitment of America's small businesses and demonstrates their ability to be innovative, it clearly shows that when the Federal Government calls for action, small businesses respond.

The Resolution I am introducing today, along with the support of Senator BOND, the ranking member of the Committee on Small Business and Entrepreneurship, which I chair, seeks to encourage Federal procurement officials to seek out and purchase innovative technologies and services from, and promote research opportunities for, American small businesses to help in homeland defense and the fight against terrorism.

This Resolution is a precursor to the Small Business Homeland Defense Exposition that Senator BOND and I are jointly sponsoring, which will take place this July here on Capitol Hill. At the Expo, a selection of small businesses will help send the message to Federal officials that they should look to small businesses for true innovations that will help us win the war against terrorism. The Expo will showcase high-tech, innovative products that have been developed by our nation's small businesses.

For the last month, Senator BOND and I have been soliciting small business homeland defense nominees from our colleagues, so that we can select truly unique products for the Expo. As expected, the response has been enthusiastic and I would encourage all of my colleagues to attend this event so that they may see and try these products. My only regret is that we do not have the space available to allow every small business to participate. However, every nominee will be included in our event book highlighting these innovative small businesses.

I would like to conclude by once again stressing the importance of our

Nation's small businesses, both to our economic security and our national security. Supporting small businesses is supporting America.

I urge all of my colleagues to cosponsor this Resolution.

#### SENATE RESOLUTION 265—RECOGNIZING THE ELLIS ISLAND MEDAL OF HONOR AND COMMENDING THE NATIONAL ETHNIC COALITION OF ORGANIZATIONS

Mrs. CLINTON submitted the following resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary:

S. 265

Whereas the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, established by the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations in 1986, pays tribute to individuals of various ethnic origins who have distinguished themselves through their contributions to the United States;

Whereas the Ellis Island Medal of Honor has been awarded on a bipartisan basis to 6 Presidents and numerous Representatives and Senators;

Whereas the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations is the largest organization of its kind in the United States, representing more than 5,000,000 family members and serving as an umbrella group for more than 250 organizations that span the spectrum of ethnic heritage, culture, and religion;

Whereas the mandate of the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations is to preserve ethnic diversity, promote equality and tolerance, combat injustice, and bring about harmony and unity among all peoples;

Whereas the Ellis Island Medal of Honor is named for the gateway through which more than 12,000,000 immigrants passed in their quest for freedom of speech, freedom of religion, and economic opportunity;

Whereas the Ellis Island Medal of Honor celebrates the richness and diversity of American life by honoring not only individuals, but the pluralism and democracy that have enabled the Nation's ethnic groups to maintain their identities while becoming integral parts of the American way of life;

Whereas during the 15-year history of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor, more than 1,500 individuals from scores of different ethnic groups have received the Medal, and more than 5,000 individuals are nominated each year for the Medal; and

Whereas at the 2002 Ellis Island Medal of Honor ceremony in New York City, individuals from different ethnic groups will be honored for their contributions to the rescue and recovery efforts of September 11, 2001, the war against terrorism, and the enhancement of the Nation's homeland security: Now, therefore, be it

*Resolved*, That the Senate—

(1) recognizes the Ellis Island Medal of Honor for acknowledging individuals who live exemplary lives as Americans while preserving the values of their particular ethnic groups; and

(2) commends the National Ethnic Coalition of Organizations for its—

(A) sponsorship of the Ellis Island Medal of Honor; and

(B) ongoing work to promote harmony and understanding between groups.

#### AMENDMENTS SUBMITTED AND PROPOSED

SA 3394. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R.

3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3395. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3009, supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3396. Mr. DAYTON (for himself, Mr. CRAIG, Mr. DURBIN, Mr. SHELBY, Mr. KERRY, Mr. HELMS, Mr. WELLSTONE, Ms. COLLINS, Ms. MIKULSKI, Mr. SMITH of New Hampshire, Mr. DORGAN, Mr. ALLEN, Mr. HOLLINGS, Mr. WARNER, Mr. LEVIN, Mr. CRAPO, Mr. ROCKEFELLER, Mr. ENZI, Mr. FEINGOLD, Mr. SPENCER, Mr. JOHNSON, Mr. CAMPBELL, Ms. STABENOW, Mr. SESSIONS, Mrs. CLINTON, and Mr. BURNS) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3386 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (H.R. 3009) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

SA 3397. Mr. BAYH (for himself, Mr. DURBIN, and Mrs. CARNAHAN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed to amendment SA 3386 proposed by Mr. DASCHLE to the bill (H.R. 3009) supra; which was ordered to lie on the table.

#### TEXT OF AMENDMENTS

SA 3394. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mrs. FEINSTEIN) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

Beginning on page 248, strike line 21 and all that follows through page 249, line 4, and insert the following:

(v) providing strong enforcement of intellectual property rights, including through accessible, expeditious, and effective civil, administrative, and criminal enforcement mechanisms;

(B) to secure fair, equitable, and non-discriminatory market access opportunities for United States persons that rely upon intellectual property protection; and

(C) to respect the Declaration on the TRIPS Agreement and Public Health, adopted by the World Trade Organization at the Fourth Ministerial Conference at Doha, Qatar on November 14, 2001.

SA 3395. Mr. KENNEDY (for himself and Mr. DEWINE) submitted an amendment intended to be proposed by him to the bill H.R. 3009, to extend the Andean Trade Preference Act, to grant additional trade benefits under that Act, and for other purposes; which was ordered to lie on the table; as follows:

At the appropriate place, insert the following new title:

#### TITLE —BUSINESS INCUBATION

##### SEC. 01. SHORT TITLE; FINDINGS.

(a) SHORT TITLE.—This title may be cited as the "Linking Educators and Developing Entrepreneurs for Reaching Success Act of 2002".

(b) FINDINGS.—Congress makes the following findings:

(1) Business incubators housed in academic settings provide unique educational opportunities for students, provide entrepreneurs with enhanced access to a skilled workforce, and bring a wealth of resources to business, academia, and communities.

(2) Academic affiliated incubators bridge the missions of academic institutions by